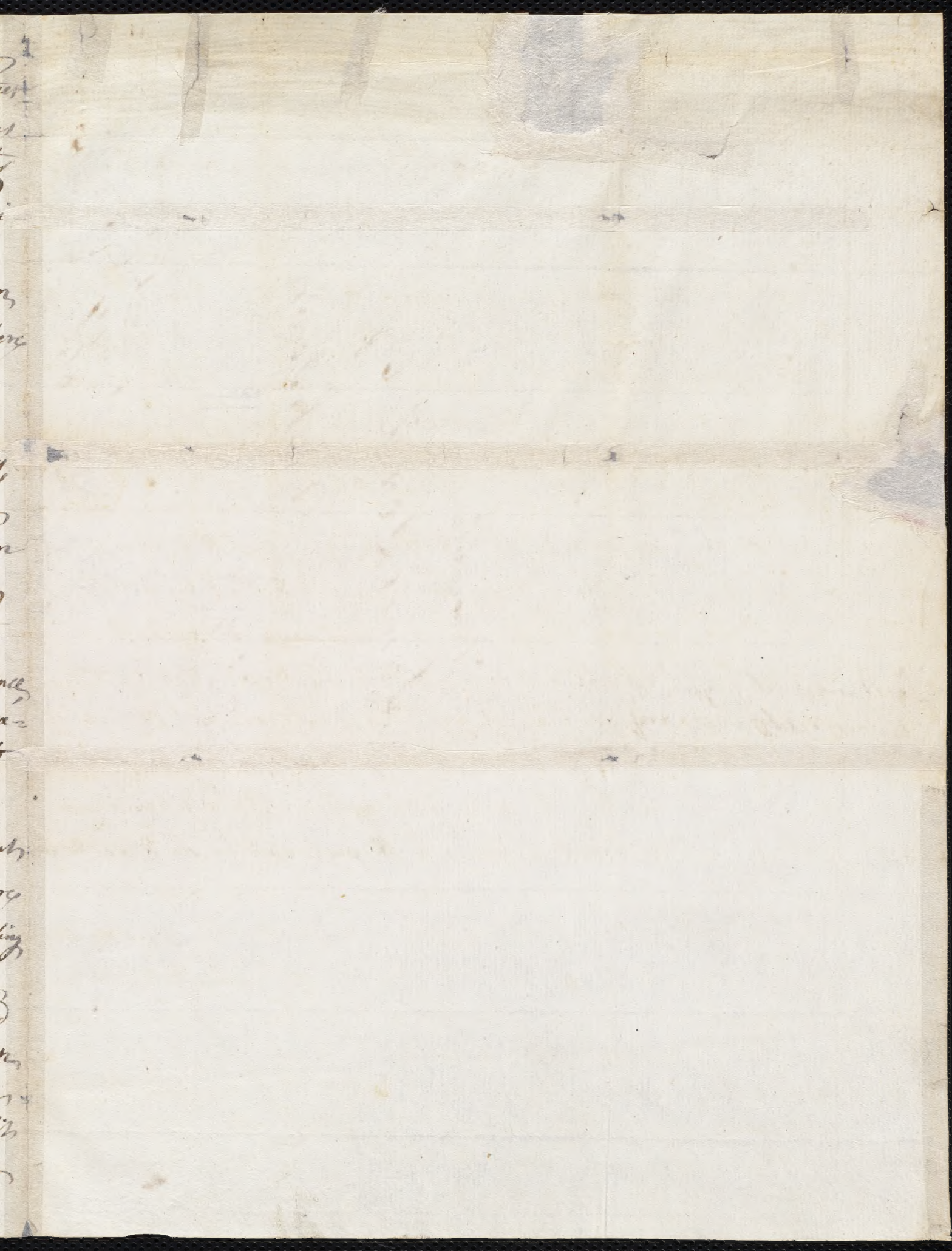


Boston April 28th 1778

Dear S^r: notwithstanding I have neglected so long to ac-
- knowlege your favours 14th Ult^o inclosing Memory's
Letter, yet be assured it is with the greatest pleasure that
I receive a Line from my much respected Friend Lovell,
whose suffering, & exertions for the Rights & Liberties of his
Country intitle Him ^{to} the greatest respect, pardon me I
had most forgot who I was writing to
The Letter you inclosed me is very similar to the Account he
gave of the matter while here, I believe, it was in M. A. power
to have given such a colouring to the manner in which ^{he} took
the Oath, as would have put him into the Class of Darefs, but M. A.
came hot from the glare of British power & could not suddenly
bring himself to conceive the same reverence due to his own
Countrymen, could not realize as Independent States, & so dare
not in any respect vitiate his Denizenship with them, he put
on a firmness to counteract the softer passions, while here,
that he seems to have abated something of in his Letter to you
you know Johnny is sudden in his determinations, he did not
meet at first with that reception he expected, & suddenly deter-
- mined not to attempt an accomodation in his embarrass-
circumstances, which in my opinion shew ^{more} obstinancy than
good judgement, considering the peculiar situation of his family
M. A. & many others may be compared to the Boys & Frogs
in the Fable, as to their former conduct it might be only funn
& sport with them to pelt & laugh but its effects if not suddenly
quashed would have been death to us or ^{the} great serious Cause in
which

which we were engaged; I am heartily sorry that M^r A
has fallen into this predicament, he certainly has many virtues
for which I esteemed him, & had it not been for his connections
he might now have been a valuable member of this community
I shew the Letter to M^r A, agreeable to your desire, whose opi-
-nion I need not mention as this goes by him who you will
doubtless be glad to see, we are sorry to have him leave the town,
but think it proper he should be active in a more important sphere
at this most important time — I congratulate you on
the great & very seasonable News from Europe it gives new
spring to all the true Independants, which I trust, are this way
vastly the majority, I sincerely pray the Fountain of all
Wisdom & Goodness to direct the Congress at this time when
our Enemies are about to try to accomplish that by artifice
which they cannot by force, it was always said of Britain
that she beat in field, but was beat in the Negotiations with France
now if we can beat them in both, we shall attract the admira-
-tion of all the World, Oh the pittyfull shifts they are put to
to send over an half begotten ill begotten Himorphidite
which is neither male or female Dependant or Independent
not yet born, yet sent across the Atlantic to accomplish more
than 60,000 men could do, oh! strange — but where am I rambling
to, it grows late — just a word about home, I saw M^r Lovell
Sunday well, am sorry for your loss, have not hear'd a word
from M^r Walther for many months he has never wrote from Camp
Walch is up in the Woods making Hats & Hay, my family are
all well, my Office constantly engages me tho' a little proff'n
M^r Adams will shew you my thoughts upon that subject money
scarc, all sorts of goods fall tho' home produce stores &
your sincere Friend N. Appleton



Row 54412)

For Nathl Appleton Esq
with Mr. pro Amory's letter

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The Honorable
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